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**THEY HEARD THE GUNS**

Naval Battle Said to Have Taken Place Off Gulf of Pechili on Night of June 6.

**ANOTHER SHIP MAYBE SUNK**

Rumored That Russian Fleet Is Preparing to Give the Japanese Battle Outside Port Arthur.

Chetoo, June 7.—(3 p. m.)—An impression prevails here that a naval battle took place last night in the gulf of Pechili. Passengers on steamers passing the Liaotieshan promontory at the time did not hear any firing, while reports come from Teng Chow of heavy firing being heard there from 11 o'clock last night until 2 o'clock this morning. Vessels from the Miao Tao islands confirm this report and so do the residents of hills in the vicinity of this city who heard the firing and saw flames out at sea during the night. The fact that the Russians were endeavoring on June 4 to clear the roadsteads off Port Arthur of mines indicates an intention upon their part to give battle outside the harbor upon the first favorable opportunity. A Japanese correspondent returning from Tallienwan says there is a persistent rumor there that the Japanese battleship Yashima struck a mine off that port recently and was sunk. Chinese arrivals from Tallienwan are unable to confirm the story.

**BOATS ARE SAFE.**

Monitor and Destroyers Reach Bay City in Good Condition.

San Francisco, June 7.—After an absence of about six months, mostly spent at Panama, the monitor Wyoming and the torpedo-boat destroyers Paul Jones and Preble returned to port before daylight yesterday morning. The Wyoming and Paul Jones went to an anchorage off Harrison street, but the Preble proceeded to the Mare Island navy yard, where Midshipmen W. Brown, Jr., and S. M. Robertson and the crew of 70 men will be transferred to the destroyer Perry, which is to join the Wyoming and Paul Jones in the bay and proceed with them in a few days to Puget Sound to join the other ships of the squadron.

The roughest weather of the whole trip from Panama was experienced by the vessels on the run from Ventura to this port. At Ventura during the four days' stay a heavy swell and sea were continuous with strong winds from the west-southwest, and on the way here the Wyoming and destroyers fought against a hard sea. It was particularly rough off Point Conception, with mist and fog most of the time. "However," reports Captain Cottman, of the Wyoming, "the three vessels came along in good shape." The voyage of the Wyoming and the destroyers to Panama is looked upon as demonstrating beyond doubt their seagoing abilities. The Wyoming particularly, considering her type, proved at all times satisfactory and convinced her officers as well as those on the other vessels of the fleet that she would be a formidable warship at sea.

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**CHARGES CRIMINAL LIBEL.**

Grant's Pass Editor Must Answer for Calling Man an Ass.

Grants Pass, Ore., June 7.—Arthur Conklin, ex-president of the Oregon Editorial Association and editor of the Grants Pass Mining Journal, has been sued for criminal libel by Robert Smith, candidate for representative from Josephine county on the democratic ticket. Mr. Conklin has been bound over to appear for trial at the July term of circuit court.

The trouble came about, through the unkind things the Mining Journal said about drawing to a close. The campaign, though a quiet one for some time, waxed hot and bitter at the close, and Mr. Smith, the head of the democratic ticket, was the object of attacks of the entire republican press of the county. Among the alleged libelous statements mentioned in the indictment, and which were published in the Journal was that of branding Mr. Smith "an ass," "a man with no moral character or honesty." It was also stated that "an old lady by the name of Sarah Lewis, a widow, had Smith collect some money, and after collecting it he failed to turn it over. He finally admitted he used it and would give her his notes for same. Not being able to collect the notes, she went to court and secured a judgment for \$994, which judgment has never been paid." It was also stated in the same issue of the Journal that "Smith repudiates paying the just taxes to the county and city in which he has taxable property."

**Queer Effect of Sunshine.**

Every one knows that the heat of the sun will expand iron and steel. Stevenson's tubular bridge, over the Menai straits, is 400 feet long. The heaviest train passing over it bends it just half an inch, yet on a July day, after the sun has been shining on it for several hours, it is found to be bent an inch and a half below its usual horizontal line. The heat of the sun acts on stone, as well as metal, a fact which is proved by the Washington monument. It is 555 feet high, but it will be found to be about two inches higher in the evening than in the morning of a sunny day. A strange effect of sunshine was noted at Plymouth, where, to lay the foundations of a sea wall, the workmen had to descend in a diving bell. These bells had stupidly been fitted with convex circular glasses at the top. The sea was very calm, and the glasses so concentrated the rays of the sun that the clothes of one of the workmen were set on fire, and that at no less than 25 feet below the surface of the water.

**More Troops.**

New York, June 7.—Another battalion of infantry has started from Pernambuco for Manaus, says a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro.

The minister of war has instructed General Medeiros, commander of the forces in the Amazonas district that he may use a steamer of the coasting navigation company for the transportation of troops, the government having arranged the matter with the company.

**First Cultivated Roses.**

The first cultivated rose is said to have been planted in Belgium in the year 1522. The damask rose was brought from France in 1573, the moss rose about 1724, and the China rose about 50 years later. Wild roses are, however, natives of all parts of Britain. In Wetherling's "British Botany" only five distinct species are said to be indigenous, but in Hocker's and Arnott's "British Flora" 19 species are mentioned, but some writers on botany raise the number to as many as 24.

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For any additional information desired, call or address A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Ry., 255 Morrison street, corner of 3rd, Portland, Ore.

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